GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4397
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Divorce Cases
Patle Smt. Kamla Devi;Sharma Shri Jugal Kishore

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of divorce are on the rise in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of divorce cases pending before the family courts in each State of the country during each of the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by the Government to dispose off these cases early;
(c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States to set up more family courts in the country to meet the demand;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the State-wise details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
(e) whether the Government proposes to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Special Marriage Act, 1954; and
(f) if so, the details of various acts and laws for resolving the increasing divorce cases in the country?

Answer

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): No data relating to divorce cases is maintained separately. However, as per the information furnished by the Hon'ble High Courts, a statement giving details of cases pending in Family Courts, State/UT-wise which, inter-alia, includes divorce cases is given in the Annexure. In the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices Conference, 2015, directions have been issued to all High Courts to regularly monitor and take necessary steps for early disposal of such cases. Setting up of Family Courts is the responsibility of the State Government and High Courts.

(e) and (f): At present, there is no proposal to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954.

Annexure
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4397 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017 ASKED BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE AND SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE, MPs

The total number of cases pending in Family Courts are as follows:-
Sl. No. State Cases Pending

1 Andhra Pradesh 2507
2 Assam-3109
Arunachal Pradesh-62
Nagaland-26
Mizoram-12 3209
3 Bihar 50847
4 Chhattisgarh 2769
5 Delhi 11862
6 Goa 933
7 Gujarat 10042
8 Haryana 15256
9 Himachal Pradesh* -
10 Jammu & Kashmir 1490
11 Jharkhand 14261
12 Karnataka 22972
13 Kerala 52446
14 Madhya Pradesh 46866
15 Maharashtra & Diu, Daman, Dadar & Nagar Haveli 45690
16 Manipur 434
17 Meghalaya * -
18 Odisha 22035

19 Punjab 4533
20 Puducherry 748
21 Rajasthan 14309
22 Sikkim 125
23 Tamil Nadu 37618
24 Telangana 1292
25 Tripura 971
26 Uttar Pradesh 5466
27 Uttarakhand 8048
28 West Bengal 1091
* At present, no Family Court in the State of Himachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.